

GCCMA Fall Business Meeting, Ravinia Crowne Plaza, Dunwoody GA

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 4:00 PM

GCCMA President Chris Hobby called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Dunwoody.

President's Report- President Hobby proposed that GCCMA support a proposal for hosting the ICMA Annual Conference for 2028 or 2029 in Atlanta. Because the City of Atlanta is not a council-manager form of government, the concept is to have multiple cities with the council-manager form of government partner with GCCMA and the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) to submit a bid to host the ICMA conference at the Georgia World Congress Center. It was mentioned that the last time GCCMA had supported having the ICMA conference in Georgia, the organization had committed \$300,000 to help fund the conference but ultimately lost the bid to Tampa, Florida. After some general conversation concerning the future opportunity to bid for and host the conference, Marcia Hampton made a motion to pledge up to \$100,000 in funds and to commit to raising an additional \$100,000 for the conference. The remainder of the money committed for the prior ICMA conference that was set aside would be returned to the general fund. Alan Ours seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the membership.

President Hobby announced that Cory Thomas, City Manager of Colquitt, would be joining the board and filling the unexpired term of Autron Hayes.

Spring Meeting Minutes - President Hobby presented the minutes from 2023 Spring Business Meeting for approval. Upon motion by Adam Mestres, second by Robbie Rokovitz, the minutes were unanimously approved by the membership.

Financial Report- Sammy Rich gave a brief overview of the financials indicating a continued strong financial position for the organization. Mr. Rich pointed out that after recently reviewing an old 2012 financial statement the organization had total assets and liabilities of \$104,545 as compared to \$578,695 as of August 31, 2023.

Executive Director's Report- Ms. Merriss gave a brief recap of her positive experience over the past eighteen months as executive director. One highlight included having successfully invested funds within ladder CDs earning above 5% interest.

Amendment to the Bylaws- Ms. Marica Hampton gave a recap from the spring GCCMA Board Retreat in February 2023, where information was provided to the Board about concerns that had been expressed about the total number of GCCMA members in Region 3 (metro-Atlanta) compared to the other regions. Research indicated that Region 3 had just under 100 members. Region 12 (Southeast Coast) had 32 members with Region 8 having the fewest with 8 members. The Board referred the question to the Membership Committee, who convened and established a sub-committee to review the issue in detail. The sub-committee met and after discussion recommended that Region 3 be subdivided into three regions: 3 East, 3 North and 3

West. The Membership Committee unanimously accepted the recommendation which was forwarded to the Board who also unanimously approved the recommendation.

The addition of two new Board positions requires amendments to the Bylaws which were considered by the Bylaws Committee who unanimously recommended the changes. The Board also unanimously approved the proposed Bylaw amendments.

In addition to amendments to incorporate two new board positions, the Bylaws committee was also asked to review the definition of full member to clarify that Deputy/Assistant City/County Managers were considered to be full members. Clarifications were also made to the affiliate member definition and how a quorum was established and that only full members are voting members. The summary of changes proposed bylaw changes include the following:

Sub-division of Region 3

Article III

- Number of directors increases from 13 to fifteen.
- Region 3 is subdivided into 3 East, 3 North and 3 West.
- The terms of office are defined.

Article IV

- Planning Committee is increased from 11 members to 13 members.
- Conference Site Selection Committee is increased from 13 to 15 members and the district members are increased from 12 to 14.

Clarification of Full Member

Article VI

- Clarifying definition of deputy and assistant manager for full membership.
- Clarifying definition of affiliate member.

Clarification of Quorum

Article VIII

- Clarifying quorum is established with attendance of 30 full members.

Article IX

- Clarifying that bylaws can be amended with two-thirds vote of Full members.

Upon a motion by Bryan Lackey, seconded by Shawn Boatright, the amendments were unanimously approved by the membership.

Nomination Committee Recommendation for 2024 Board Position- The slate for the 2024 Board of Directors for GCCMA as recommended by the Nominations Committee for the following District Director positions that have a term of January 1,

2024 – December 31, 2025:

- District 2 - Bryan Lackey, City Manager, City of Gainesville
- District 3 East (contingent on approval at the Fall 2023 Business Meeting) -

Teresa deCastro, Assistant City Manager, City of Decatur

- District 4 - Cleatus Phillips, City Manager, City of Newnan
- District 6 - Jason Rizner, County Administrator, Jones County
- District 7 - Jerry Coalson, County Administrator, Jefferson County
- District 8 - Angela Redding, City Manager, City of Cordele
- District 11 - Kathy Young, City Administrator, City of Fitzgerald

For the following District Director position that will have an initial one-year term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024:

- District 3 North (contingent on approval at the Fall 2023 Business Meeting) –

Stacy Inglis, Deputy City Manager, City of Milton

Upon a motion by Mr. Mestres, seconded by Mr. Boatright, the recommended nominations were unanimously approved by the membership.

CVIOG Report– Hardin Watkins gave an update on CVIOG activities and recognized the entire team of CVIOG employees that helped make the conference a success. Mr. Watkins reported that a successful new manager bootcamp was held on Tuesday that included 16 new managers as well as support from 4 seasoned managers to round out the instruction for the new cohort. Mr. Watkins also reported he looked forward to working with newly elected officials in January, alongside Mara Shaw, Walt McBride and Chris Hobby.

ICMA Report – Valmarie Turner, ICMA Southeast Regional Vice-President and Deputy City Manager of Fairfax, Virginia delivered the ICMA report to the membership. Ms. Turner gave a recap of recent ICMA initiatives, including work to improve membership by lowering annual membership dues that have been capped at \$1,200 per year. Ms. Turner also encouraged GCCMA to be mindful of the application period of October 16-January 12 for a non-CAO seat on the ICMA board. Ms. Turner further expressed that the South is the largest region of ICMA with approximately 2,200 voting members, which is double that of the ICMA North Region.

Eric DeMoura, Town Administrator of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina gave an overview of the purpose of the ICMA Governance Task Force. Mr. DeMoura explained the Governance Task Force had been charged with taking a deep dive into many areas of the ICMA structure and representation with a goal of coming back with needed improvements for the organization.

Adjournment- Upon a motion by Mr. Mestres and seconded by Ms. Hampton, the fall business meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted- Sammy Rich, Secretary/Treasurer